

## House Resolution No. 2019

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missourian" through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, John H. Keiser of Springfield, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction since 1993 as the president of Southwest Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, on April 20, 2005, John Keiser will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure at Southwest Missouri State University, John Keiser proved instrumental in revising the general education program to reflect a public affairs emphasis, leading from open admissions to selective admissions, developing the first completely online degree program, introducing twenty-three new Master's programs and the first independent Doctorate, increasing graduate enrollment from seven percent to seventeen percent of total students, founding the Ozarks Public Health Institute, obtaining ownership of Ozarks Public Television, establishing the Academic Development Center, developing Jordan Valley Innovation Center and nanotechnology research, and renaming the institution as Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, John Keiser has received awards, honors, and accolades from such prestigious organizations as the International Labor Communications Association, National Daughters of the American Revolution, Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, Templeton Foundation, University Licensed Public Radio Community, and Greenwood Lab School; and

**Whereas**, John Keiser also oversaw the planning, construction, or renovation of two Intermodal Transfer Facilities, the Professional Building addition, Strong Hall, Wehr Band Hall, the General Classroom Building and the Technology Building on the West Plains Campus, Meyer Library addition, Plaster Student Union addition, Plaster Sports Complex synthetic grass resurfacing, Darr Agricultural Center, and a Scholars House Residence Hall:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of John Keiser as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 20, 2005, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" John H. Keiser of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mark Wright  
District No. 137

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2019, adopted April 11, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker